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Montgomery County Humane Society Introduces New Pre-Adoption Spay-Neuter Program

The Montgomery County Humane Society (MCHS) is introducing a new pre-adoption program to spay or neuter all animals adopted from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Spay-neuter charges will be a flat fee of \$70 for a cat or kitten and \$120 for a dog or puppy. Cris Bombaugh, MCHS president and CEO says, "We are very pleased to take this significant step toward solving one of the main animal welfare issues in the county – helping the community manage the number of unwanted litters that ultimately contribute to the population of homeless animals."

Several veterinary clinics are partnering with MCHS to provide this service. An adopter will complete the paperwork at the shelter, MCHS will arrange for transport and surgery, and the adopter will pick up the animal directly from the veterinary clinic.

Hundreds of homeless animals are brought to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter every month in the warm weather. This new initiative is an effort to reduce the number of homeless animals that are in need of care and shelter. Captain Michael Wahl, director of the Montgomery County Animal Services Division, says, "The new pre-adoption spay-neuter program proactively addresses a high priority need MCHS and Montgomery County have long sought to resolve, well in advance of construction of the new county animal shelter."

MCHS will continue to offer its reduced-cost and low-income assistance programs for spaying and neutering. Details of all programs are available online at:
<http://www.mchumane.org/spayneuter.shtml>.

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